Studies on the effects of Radiation

1505. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of risks of long term exposure to low-level radiation leading to Leukeaemia as reported in the *Times of India* of 23rd February, 1990;

(b) whether Government are aware of similar findings by Dr. Rosalo and Bertell of Wisconsin, USA; and

(c) whether BARC/health authorities have undertaken any similar studies before advocating for more nuclear plants and food irradiation plants?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Permanent Panel on Drug Prices

1506. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a permanent panel on drug prices has been set up by Government as reported in the *Economic Times* of the 15th February, 1990; and

(b) if so, whether the representation will be given on this panel to Consumer Health Organisation who have spearheaded a positive movement towards rational drug use and pricing?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The Standing Committee is a Departmental Committee and as such, its composition has been limited to representatives/experts from Government Departments/ Organisations. However, private organisation including Consumer's Health Organisations are free to submit their representations, if any, to the Standing Committee for consideration.

Use of Poisonous Pesticides

1507. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many pesticides act and enter the human body through skin and if so, what are the names of such pesticides registered in India;

(b) whether any of these are being sold for control of lice etc. in human hair or body and if so, what are the names of such products, their prices and the names of the manufacturers; and

(c) whether any corrective steps have been undertaken in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Some pesticides in diluted percentage which do not cause toxicity to humans have been registered under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Some of these, which are used locally on the scalp as ointments or oil for the treatment of lice and scabies are annexed in the statement. The prices of these formulations are not controlled under Drugs Price Control Order, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

The pesticides which have also been registered as Pediculoside (Anti-lice)/ anti- scabies by State Licensing Authorities are as follows :-

	Generic Name	Brand Name	Name of the Manufacturer
(i)	r-Benzene Hexachloride (lindane) 1%	Emscab	M.M. Lab. Bombay
(ii)	Do.	GAB	Gufic Lab. Bombay.
(iii)	Do.	Lorexane	ICI Ltd., Madras
(iv)	Do.	Scabex	M/s. Indica, Bombay
(v)	d-Phenothrin 0·27% w/v	Mediker	Proctor & Gamble